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## **FORMER SCHOOL BAND TEACHER SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORN**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former band teacher at the Cameron, Mo., high school and middle school was sentenced in federal court today for attempting to receive child pornography over the Internet.

**Omer Dale Creech**, 38, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Creech** to forfeit to the government a Compaq Presario 5000 computer that was used to commit the violation.

**Creech** was formerly the high school and middle school band teacher for the Cameron School District. Prior to that, **Creech** was a teacher at the Senath-Hornersville Senior High School in Senath, Mo.

On June 28, 2004, **Creech** pleaded guilty to charges contained in a Feb. 26, 2004, federal indictment. **Creech** admitted that he operated the KazAa file-sharing program on his home computer between Dec. 8, 2002, and March 25, 2003. The KazAa program, Graves explained, allows users to obtain images over the Internet from other users of the program by using keywords to search for image files. **Creech** sent out keywords he knew would retrieve visual depictions of actual minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Using the KazAa program, Graves said, **Creech** obtained hundreds of images of child pornography. Some of the images were of children under the age of 12, and some of the images depicted the children in sadomasochistic scenes, or in scenes involving bondage or other types of violence. **Creech** admitted to downloading both still images and video clips of child pornography.

“We’re pleased that the court took into consideration the horrendous images of sadistic and violent sexual treatment of children that this defendant attempted to distribute over the

Internet with this file-sharing program,” said Graves.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Cameron, Mo., Police Department.

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